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MEMORANDUM TO THE MINISTER

FOR INFORMATION

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATIONS ON CAF ASSISTANCE TO THE
RESPONSE TO ONGOING BLOCKADES AND DISRUPTIONS

SUMMARY

This Memorandum provides considerations on potential CAF involvement in addressing the blockades and disruptions taking place across the country.

ISSUE

On 14 February 2022, the Prime Minister declared a public order emergency under the *Emergencies Act* regarding the blockades and other civil disruptions occurring across the country, including within the Parliamentary Precinct. As part of the broader effort to restore order, it is possible that the CAF could be asked to provide assistance.

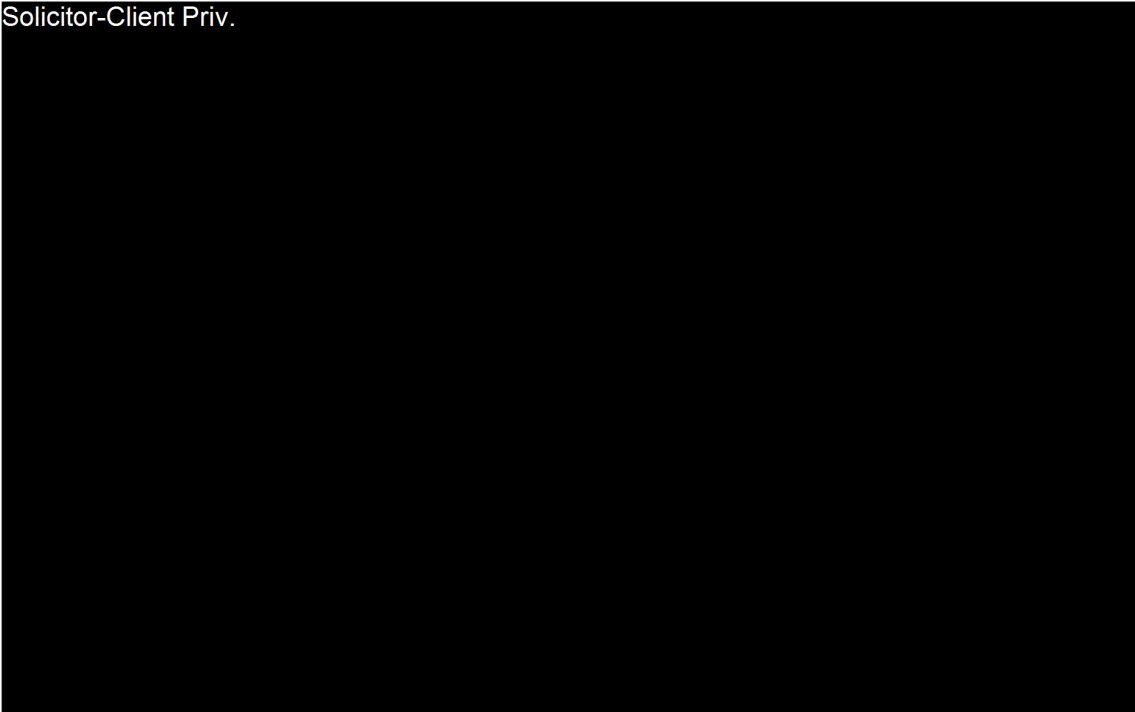
PROCESS FOR PROVIDING ASSISTANCE

As set out in **Annex A**, the Office of the JAG (OJAG) notes the legal framework applicable to the current situation. In particular:

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POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Within the context of the NDA, DND/CAF may be asked to provide assistance to law enforcement in one or more of three broad categories: 1) *Logistical and General Support* (such as transportation services, accommodations infrastructure, and assistance with the staging and storage of equipment);

2) *Infrastructure Protection* s.38

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removing vehicles/other objects in areas that have been secured by law enforcement agencies s.38

s.38 and, 3) *Public Engagements* s.38

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You have already authorized CAF support in providing ration packs to the Parliamentary Protective Services, under the auspices of the NDA – *Law Enforcement Assistance*. Additional requests for other low-risk, behind-the-scenes *Logistical and General Support* are expected. All requests for support, both including and beyond behind-the-scenes *Logistical and General Support*, must be directed through the standard RFA process, both for consideration and for obtaining of authorities, on a case-by-case basis.

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Any requisition for the call out of the CAF under the *Aid of the Civil Power* will be submitted in writing to the CDS, as per the process outlined in the NDA.

CONSIDERATIONS

Should CAF assistance be pursued, s.38

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For assistance beyond the provision of

Logistical and General Support, s.38

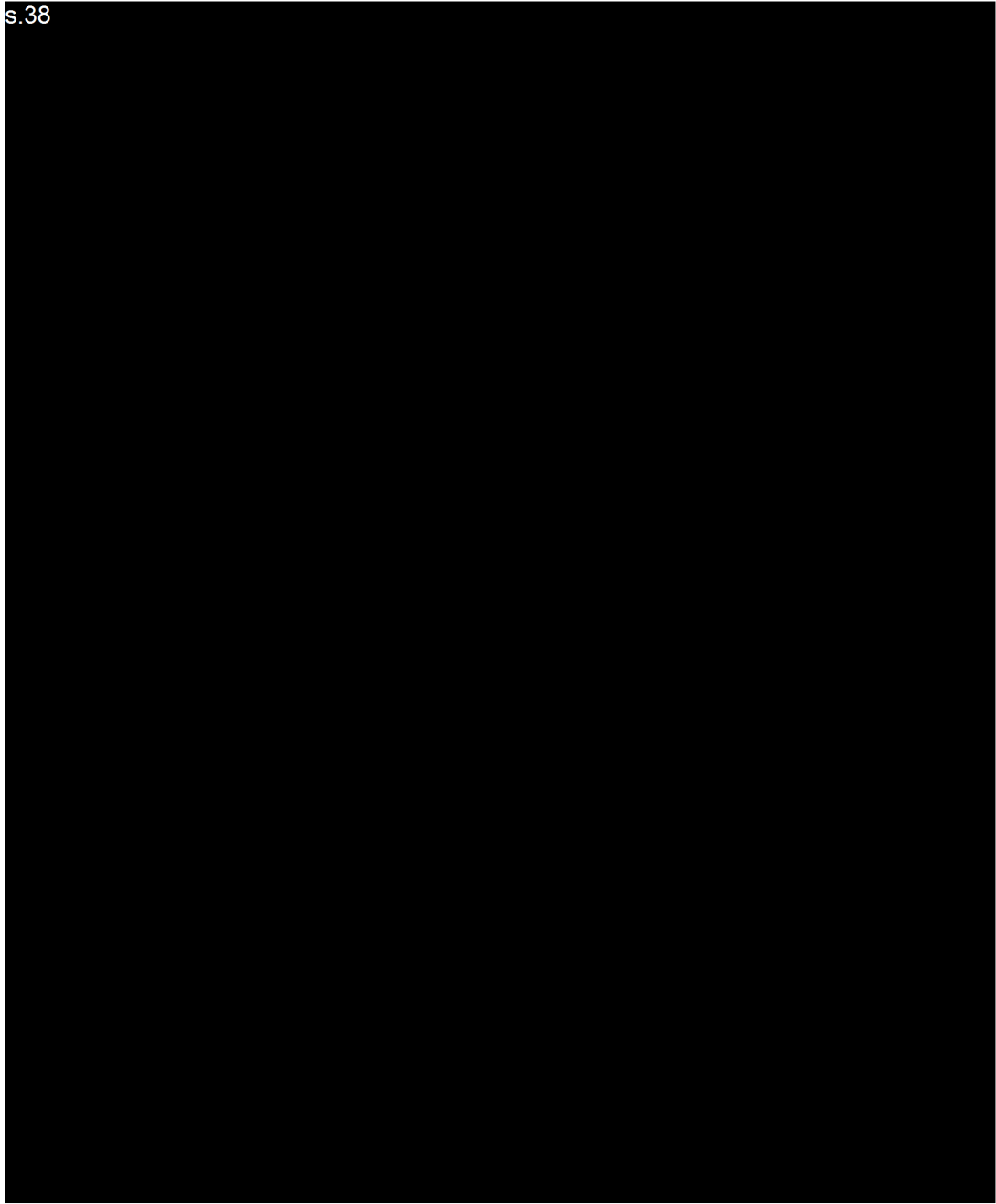
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RISKS

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In this context, it is essential that any role that DND/CAF might play in supporting a request for assistance from law enforcement agencies or civil authorities be authorized by domestic law; be well-defined; be contingent on

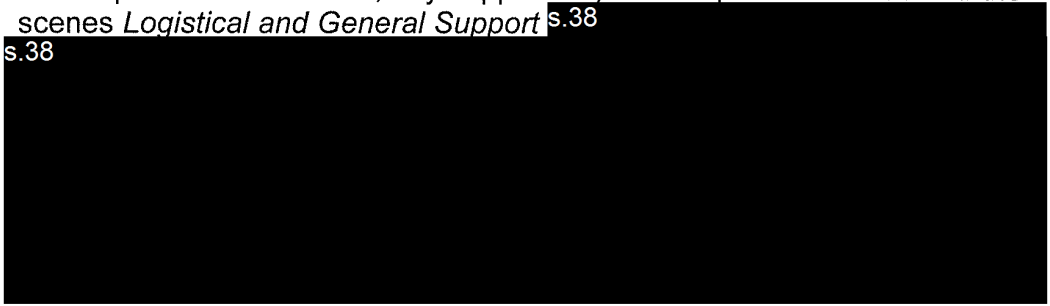
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clearly stipulated conditions both for triggering the assistance and for transitioning responsibility back to law enforcement agencies; and be clearly communicated to officials and the public alike.

CONCLUSION

While the CAF may be called upon to provide a range of support in response to a request for assistance, any support beyond the provision of behind-the-scenes *Logistical and General Support* s.38

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Attachment

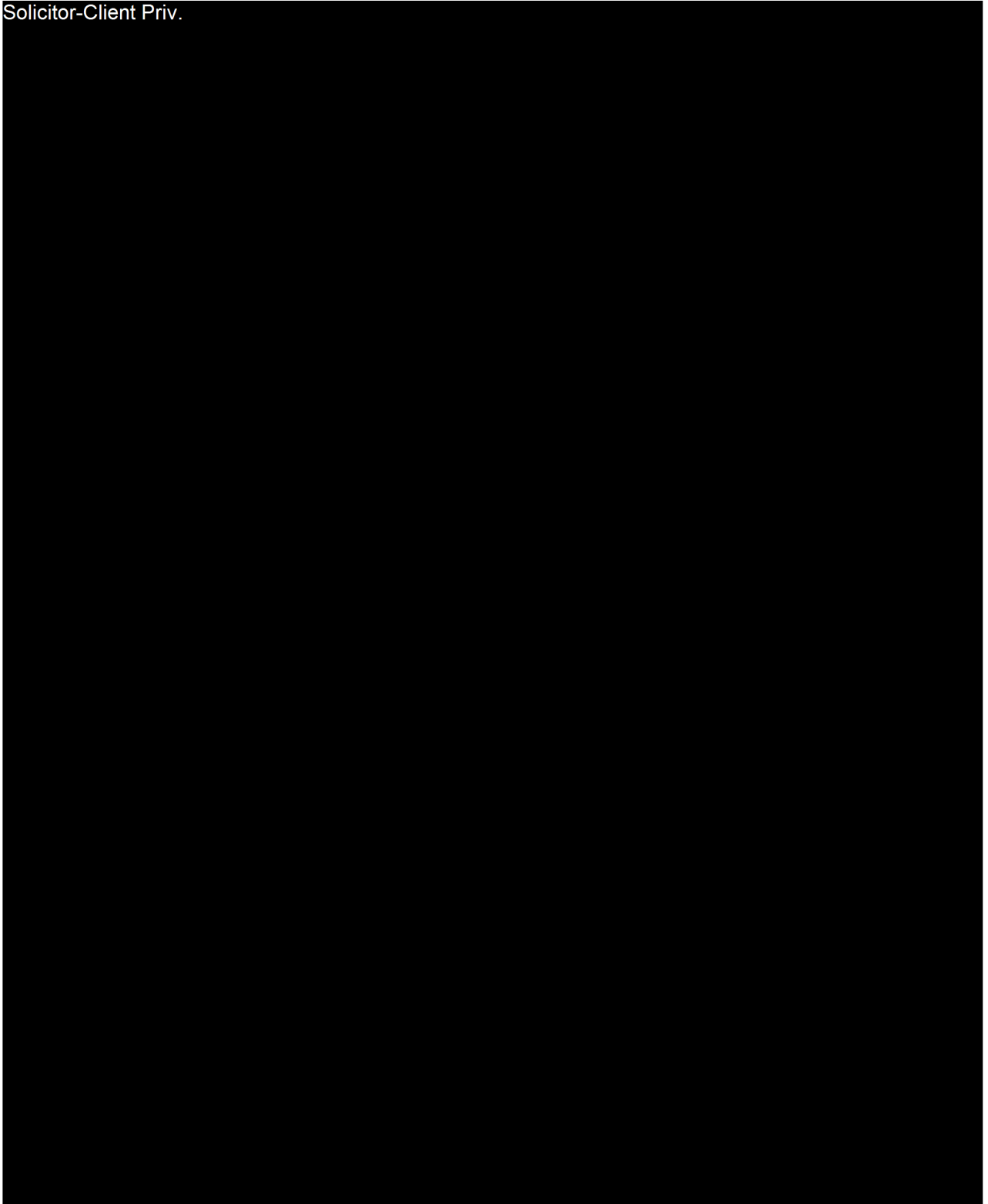
- Annex A: CAF Assistance to Law Enforcement – Legal Bases and Authorities

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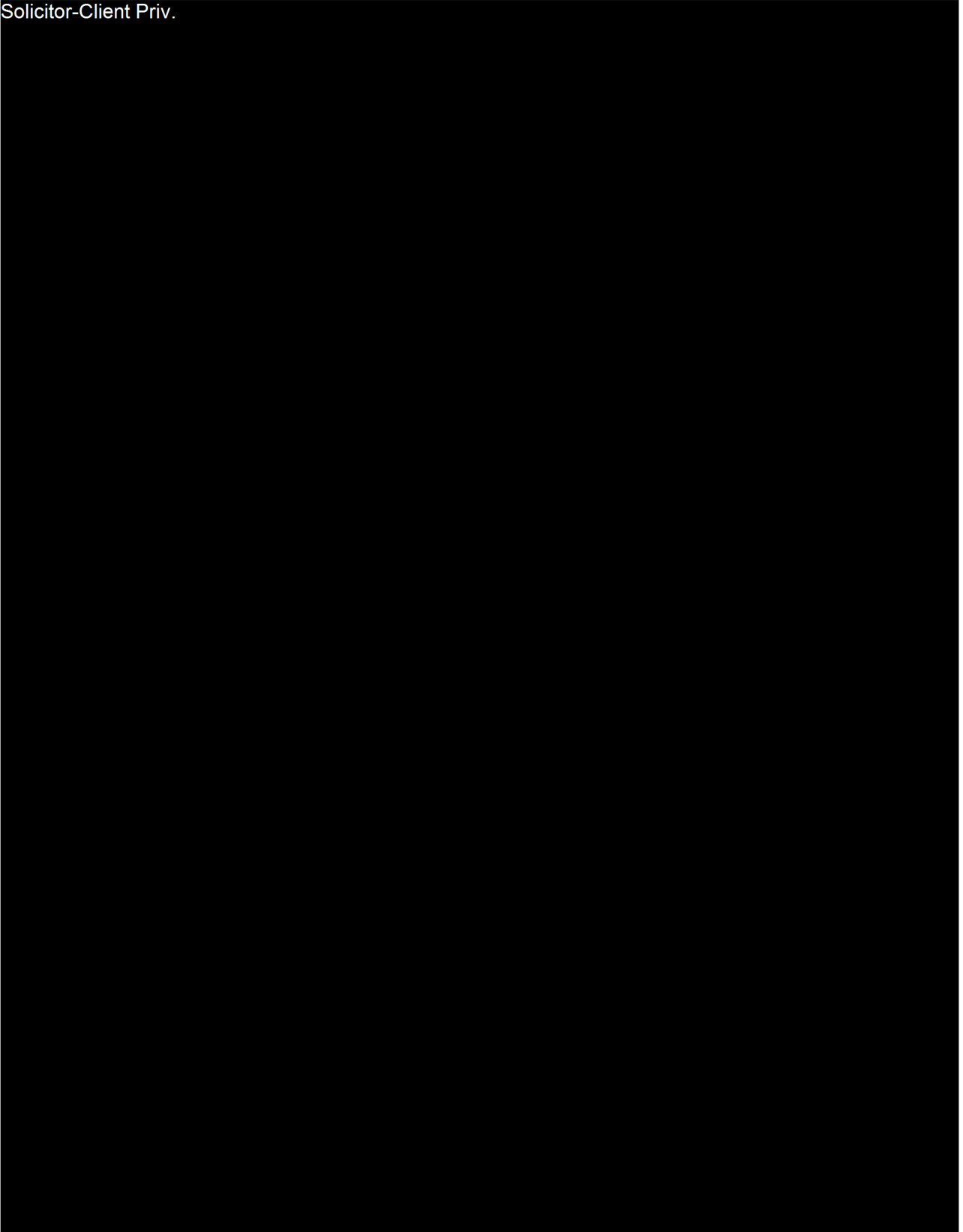
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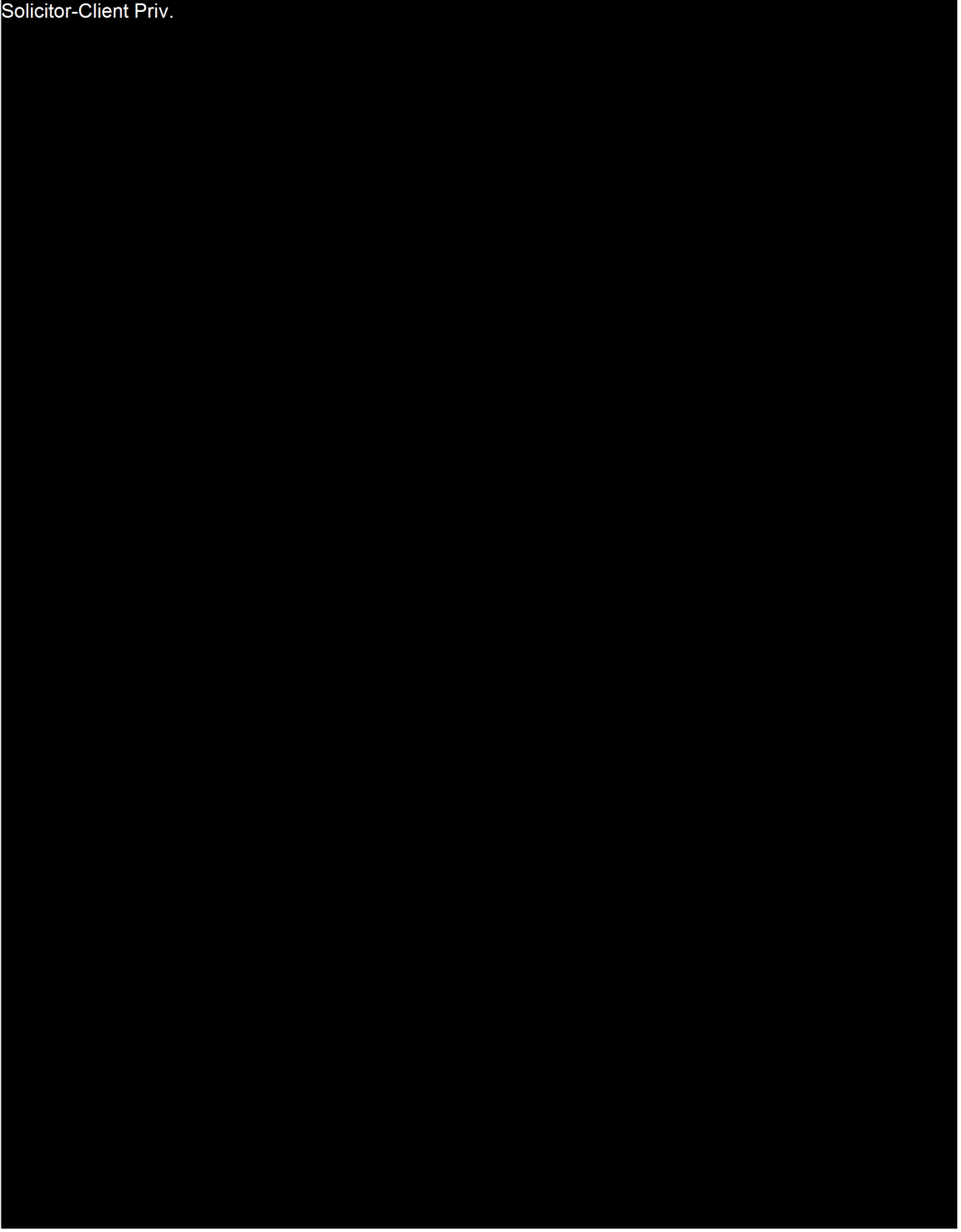
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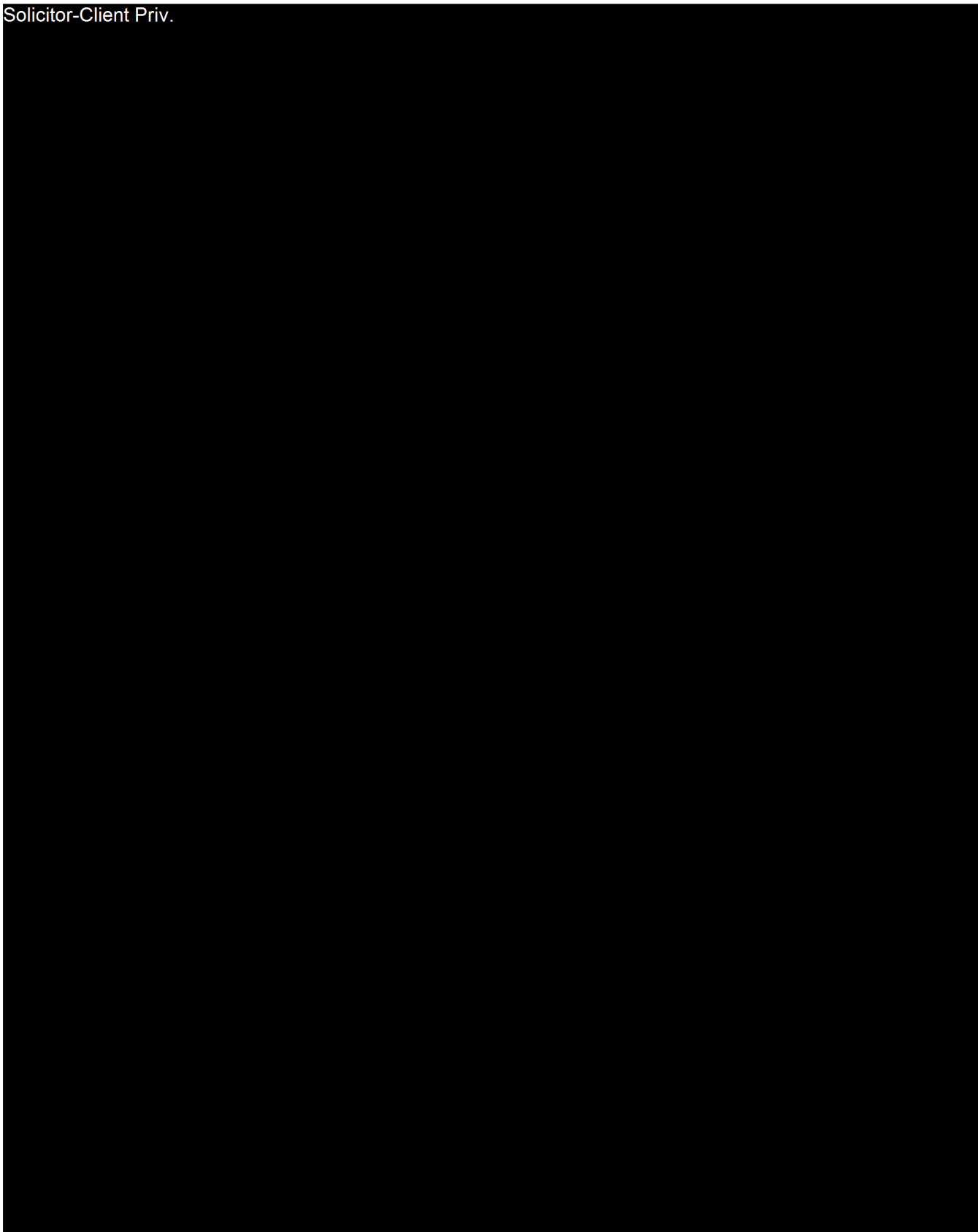
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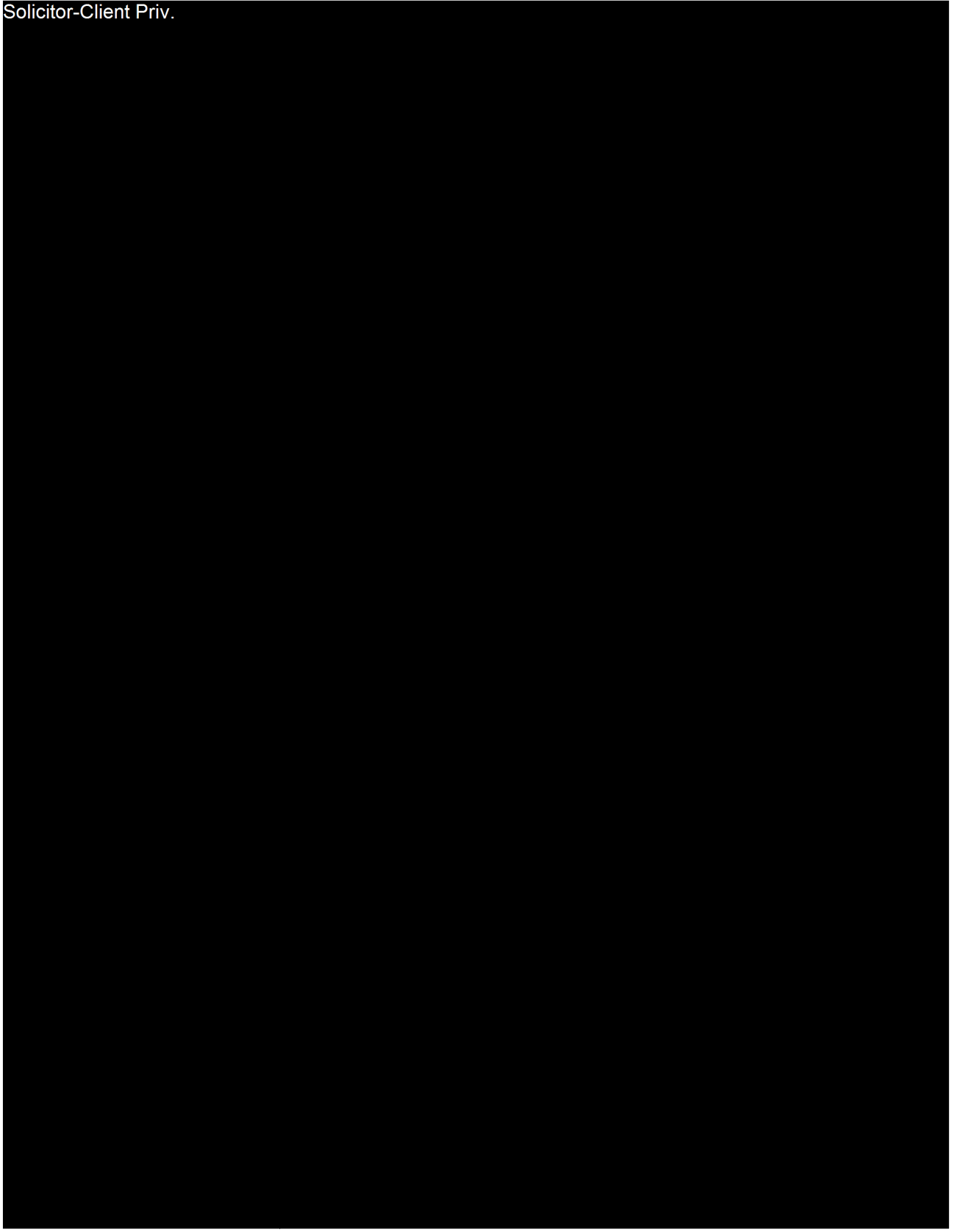
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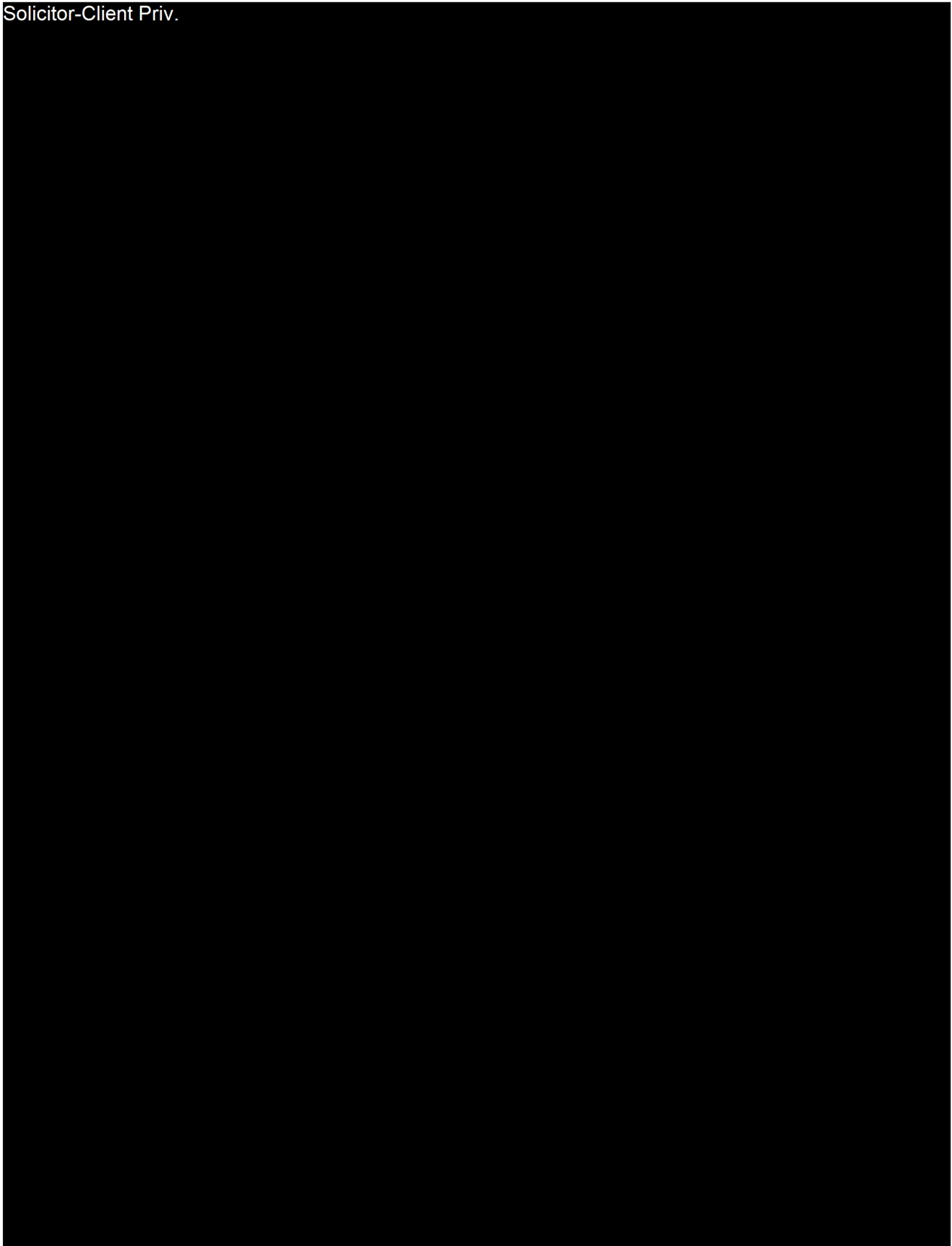
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